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PALESTINE, TEXAS, DECEMBER 22, 1903.

## THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.

The mistletoe bough, associated in our minds with both comedy and tragedy, owes its elevation to the glory of a prominent Christmas decoration, to the relics of Druidical superstition, and again, even farther back, to traditions of Norse mythology, in which it played a prominent part.

Long before kissing was invented, or ballads were made and sung, the mistletoe was a sort of fetish.

In ancient lore it had rare medicinal virtues, but these have found oblivion with the lapse of time.

The Norse fable tells us that Baldur, the bright and beautiful—the god of light—was regarded with jealousy by some of the other deities, and Friga protect him made everything in heaven and earth swear to do him no harm. But, regarding the mistletoe as being so slight and weak, she omitted her precaution in its case.

Loki, the malevolent fire-god, seizing this chance, bewitched a twig of mistletoe till it swelled to the size of a spear, and slyly giving it to blind Hottel, told him to throw it amongst the gods when they were at play.

He struck Baldur and killed him; but Friga miraculously restored him to life, and thereafter guarded the mistletoe, which the gods at her pleading decided should be unable to do any mischief again, unless it touched the earth.

For this reason it is always hung on high, and the vigilant goddess propitiated by a sign of amity and good will.

Many of the most important rites of the Druids were performed in connection with it, and today men and maidens hold that it constitutes a sanction for salutes that might otherwise be too daring—and many a diffident wooer has owed his subsequent happiness to this "Gate of Hymen."

Yet the old mysterious glamor of its power to harm still clings to it, and imparts a touch of superstitious witchery to the tragic fate of the gay young bride, who, mad with matrimony, hid in the oak chest that proved her tomb. There is something weirdly plaintive in the refrain:

Oh, the mistletoe bough!

All hail, then, to the magic white berries and green leaves! and if danger lurks therein, let it be averted by the talisman of a kiss.

## THE PARCELS POST.

The big mail order houses are still clamoring for a parcels post. Like the effort for the one cent letter postage, this would be a measure to help the few—a regular trust bonanza, in which the "common people" would again get it in the neck. One F. James Gibson, secretary of the Sphinx Club, New York, is one of the chief advocates of the parcels post. He says under that system "Every one would do more business except the express companies and the country storekeepers. Those who would be displaced in these two industries could, of course, work for the postoffice department." That promise should be encouraging to the local merchants throughout the land. Mr. Gibson recognizes that under a cheap parcels post system the small merchants would be put out of business. The passing of the local merchant would effect every other line of industry, and place the business of the country more directly in the hands of the trusts.

No, the people do not want the parcels post; neither do they want one cent letter postage. These big mail order houses write 5000 letters to most individuals writing one, and therefore

cheap postage, either in the mailing of letters or the delivering of merchandise, is clearly in the interest of these big concerns.

If you can't do something good for Palestine, keep out of the game.

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THE Fort Worth Record of Sunday was a big paper and a beauty. The big colored section was engraved and printed in the Record office, and was equal to similar work done anywhere. The Record is making a new record for newspapers in North Texas.

## Vigorous Old Man.

Judge Reagan is yet a vigorous old man. He was in the city from his home, Fort Houston, this morning, and hitched his team west of the First National bank building. After getting his mail and attending to other duties around town, the Judge returned to his buggy to find that it had been twisted around in a manner to make it difficult to drive out. He picked up the rear of the buggy, a heavy box concern, made for heavy road usage, and set the vehicle around in a manner so it would be easy to turn, mounted the seat and drove away. It was a feat that many a young man could not have performed.

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## Attention, Farmers.

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Special Correspondence.

O'NEAL'S CHAPEL, Dec. 20.

Dear Herald:

I know I have been absent for three weeks, and now I will try to send in a long and interesting letter, though news is scarce down here.

Everybody is banking on having a great time Christmas.

What's the matter with our scribes? I haven't seen anything of Little Girl and Chatter Box and quite a number of others in a long time. I hope they haven't quit us cold. Don't quit now because it is nearly Christmas. Come on and keep up with Pickle and Greenie, as we are about the only ones who are trying to write much to the dear old Herald. Yes, and there is Goo Goo. Some one must have come along and punched out his eyes, for he hasn't been heard from in a coon's age.

Come on, kids, don't let's stop.

Well, we are going to have a Christmas tree down here if something don't stop it. It is for us school kids, and I hope we won't be disappointed. If we are I will write next week and tell you about it.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Had a new preacher here last Sunday. His name is Rev. Houston. Everybody seemed very well pleased with him, and we hope they will continue so.

It is nearly dinner time, so I will ring off for this time. PICKLE.

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